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Hotel Parage -
Havana - Cuba

To the Rt. Reverend
William Rollinson Whittingham D.D.
Baltimore - Maryland -

My Dear Father in God: -

I beg to send you the Enclosed papers - Marked 1, 2, 3 & 4. - bearing upon the Question of Episcopal Jurisdiction of this Cuba Mission. - It has seemed to me that no action could be taken in this matter of Jurisdiction without the Decision of the Bishops - Unless the Presiding Bishop should appoint a bishop to hold Jurisdiction - in which case my original appointment and instructions given at the time - should be recognized. And in the face of the many difficulties there could be no cry of individualism - but it would appear - Even as it is a legitimate work of the Church - and

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the Bishop of Minnesota preached for me on Sunday the 16th of March - and on the 17th Confirmed two persons for me. His health would not admit of his going into the interior.

Since I wrote you last an Offer has been made by persons abroad to pay Expenses and Salary of a Clergyman to work in the interior and take charge of a plantation - Rotan the Clergyman has been found to answer this Call - although the Pack of this offer has been known in certain parts of the Church for 2½ Months -

Our Congregations here have been large all during the winter - and the Offertory has been sufficient to pay all Expenses outside of my own Salary - Our Easter was a happy one - & we admitted three new Communicants - but Our people are leaving the Island in Great Numbers in order to avoid the oppressive heat and Malaria

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Edward Kenney.—

April 16/79

P.S. Please consider this a confidential
letter to you as my bishop.—

Rec'd April 21/28
Rev. L. Rooney, Cedar Rapids

I refer the whole Matter to you - as keen as I shall feel any separation from you - under such circumstances an actual appointment not having been made by the Presiding Bishop. I shall bow to any decision which you may make as my Bishop - in the premises - and accept it as the will of Almighty God. -

Apart from the above consideration this is a Mission - Nothing more nor less - and on account of the various Elements of which it is composed and the Races indifference to Christianity - Much remains to be a Great Work to Come - There is not Enough Related attachment to the Church as such - to render any other course advisable - In this respect as in Many others it is entirely different from Work on the Continent of Europe -

My friend has been - how that a Guild has been organized to take care of the finances - to ask the

Bishops at their next Meeting - always supposing the Guild to be a success - to appoint Definite Jurisdiction for this Missions - And I have thought that this would be the course pursued -

In My Answer to the Presiding Bishop April 5th - thinking that his request for Bishop Littlejohn to act and make a Visitation was only temporary - and would involve no separation from You until the Bishops should Meet - or until I should see You again - I hinted the same to him - but since then three other papers have come to hand and so I am perplexed -

If You Consent to My transfer under the circumstances as stated - and set forth by the letters accompanying will You please communicate such transfer to the Bishop in Charge of Foreign Churches - so as to save time - And May I ask You to return the Enclosed papers to Me - with the exception of the Circular which You may keep -